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14th. August 1942.

To The Chairman & Members of the
WITHERNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the ANNUAL
REPORT on the HEALTH and SANITARY ADMINISTRATION and HOUSING
conditions of your District for the year 1941.

The POPULATION is estimated by the Registrar General as 4836,
an increase of 121 over the estimate for 1940.

The BIRTH RATE of 11.17 adjusted for inward and outward trans-
fers, shows an increase of 3.57 per 1000 resident population, com-
pared with 1940. The birth rate for England & Wales is 14.2, a
decrease of 0.4 from 1940.

The DEATH RATE of 16.54 per 1000 resident population adjusted
for inward and outward transfers is 1.46 per 1000 less than last
year. The Death rate for England & Wales is 12.9 per 1000, a de-
crease of 1.4 over 1940.

INFANT MORTALITY. In this year, four infants under one year
died from various causes, giving an infant mortality rate of 56.3
per 1000 live births. Yet, we are able to record that for the
sixth year in succession, no Mother died in or as the result of child-
birth.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. 36 cases of Infectious Disease were noti-
fied. 12 of these were of Scarlet Fever. The rate of incidence was
that about 7.5 persons out of every 1000 contracted some form of
notifiable infectious disease. 2 unimmunised children developed
Diphtheria.

Although there were no bombing incidents, the FIRST AID POST
SERVICE worked smoothly and very efficiently when required for
accidents etc.

I heartily thank the Council for their wholehearted co-
operation and the A.R.P. Sub-Controller for his ever willing
and never ending help.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
Francis R. Cripps.
M.O.H.

SUMMARY of the REPORT for the year 1941.

Average height above sea level.....	15 feet.
Area of Urban District.....	882 acres.
Population.....1931 census.....	4251.
estimated 1941 mid-year.....	4836.
Excess of births over deaths.....	Nil(a decrease)
Number of houses occupied - Dec.1940.....	abt.1450..
- Dec.1941.....	abt.1450.
Rateable Value.....	\$24907.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£92.13.6.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1940.</u>
Legitimate.....	25	27	52	32
Illegitimate.....	0	2	<u>2</u>	4
			54	

Birth-rate per 1000 population..... 11.17.

STILL-BIRTHS.

Legitimate.....	0	2	2	0
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0	1

Deaths from Puerperal causes(No..29)	Puerperal Sepsis	
		0
(No.30)	Other Puerperal	0
	causes.	0.

DEATHS.....Males. 40 ..Females. 40 . Total. 80..... 85

Death rate per 1000 population....	16.54.....	18
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INFANT DEATHS.Males.. 3. females. 1 . Total. 4 3

INFANT DEATH RATE.

All infants per 1000 total live births..	56.3.....	77
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births...	58.....	88
Illegitimate.....ditto.....	Nil.....	Nil.

Deaths from Measles(all ages).....	Nil.....	Nil.
do Whooping Cough(all ages).....	Nil	Nil.
do Diarrhoea(under 2).....	1	1 .
do Diphtheria(all ages).....	Nil.....	Nil.

DEATH RATES per 1000 population from:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis(5).....	1.03	0.63.
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis(0).....	Nil.....	0.21.
Zymotic Disease(0).....	Nil	Nil.
Heart Disease(6).....	1.24	1.9.
Respiratory Disease(14).....	2.9	1.9
Arterial Disease(11).....	2.27.....	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage(10).....	2.06.....	4.3
Cancer(7).....	1.45.....	2.7

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.	Notified cases	case rate per 1000 popl.	Deaths.	Death rate.
Scarlet Fever.....	12	2.48	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria.....	2	0.41	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia.....	1	0.2	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis(Pulm.).....	10	2.06	5	1.03
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

These remain essentially the same as during the previous year. The normal resident population of Withernsea contains a large number of older and retired people - a factor which effects our birth and death rates very considerably, lowering the first and raising the second. In addition to this, since the war, we have a large number of evacuated persons and children from Hull, which superimposes on our birth and death rate, yet another factor, resulting in an increased number of births and a slight decrease in the death rate owing to the admixture of younger people in the population.

BIRTH RATE. The number of live births registered viz. 54, is much greater than last year(36), but the number of deaths(80) are about the same(85). The birth rate for the whole of England & Wales is 14.2 per 1000 civilian population and that for the Administrative County of London 8.9, while that for the smaller towns of 25000 to 50000 inhabitants 16.4.

DEATH RATE. 80 people died in 1941, giving a death rate of 16.5 per 1000 civilian population. The corresponding figures for England and Wales are 12.9, London 16.3 and the smaller towns 13.0..

The principal causes of Death are as follows:-

	M	F	Total.	% of total.	rate per 1000 pop.
Heart Disease.....	4...	2 ...	6	7.50	1.24.
Cerebral Haemorrhage..	5...	5 ...	10	12.50	2.06.
Arterial Disease.....	6...	5 ...	11	13.75	2.27.
Cancer.....	2...	5 ...	7	8.75	1.45.
Respiratory Disease...	6...	8 ...	14	17.50	2.90.
Tuberculosis.....	4...	1 ...	5	6.25	1.03

DEATHS among CHILDREN under one year of age. In 1941, four infants, three males and one female died, giving an infant mortality rate of 56.3 per 1000 live births, as against a rate of 77 last year. The rate for England & Wales is 59 and that for the smaller towns 56 and that for London 68.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES UNDER THE NOTIFICATION ACTS.

Thirtysix cases of Infectious Disease were notified as against only six last year, but twelve of these were due to Measles and nine to Whooping Cough, notifications of which were not required last year. The only real increase has been that of Scarlet Fever with twelve notifications against only four in 1940. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, or Measles, but one death from Epidemic Diarrhoea. No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL AND AMBULANCE FACILITIES. There have been no major changes in the previous arrangements.

TUBERCULOSIS. During 1941, eleven new cases of Tuberculosis were notified. Seven Male Pulmonary, three Female Pulmonary and one Male Non-Pulmonary. Twelve cases were notified in 1940. There has been a general increase in Tuberculosis all over the country since the war began. This may be chiefly due to the increased stress and strain of war-time life: for example, many soldiers developed Tuberculosis or rather latent tuberculosis, which the healing capacity of the human body had successfully resisted in normal peace time occupation broke out owing to the deterioration of health and therefore of resistance to disease engendered by the privations during the retreat from France e.g. excessive muscular exertions carried on in conditions of cold, wet and fatigue and insufficient nourishment.



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Among civilians, long hours spent in crowded air-raid shelters with insufficient ventilation and generally damp conditions would help to spread the disease.

The total number of deaths from Tuberculosis was 5; four men and one woman. One man and one woman died in the early thirties and three men over 45.

The total death rate from Tuberculosis was about one in every 1000 people and $6\frac{1}{4}\%$ of all deaths was due to Tuberculosis in some form.

AGE GROUP	New cases				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulm.		Pulmonary		Non-Pulm.	
	M	F	M.	F	M	F	M	F
0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10-15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55-65	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
	7	3	1	0	4	1	0	0

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